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Wylie Police Department Launches Free Crime Mapping Tool

Wylie, TX, April 15, 2013 – The Wylie Police Department is pleased to announce the launch of RAIDS Online (Regional Analysis and Information Data Sharing), a free tool for citizens to map and analyze crime activity in their community. Raids Online can be accessed at www.raidsonline.com, through a free RAIDS Online mobile app available in the Apple Store, or from links found on the City's website, www.WylieTexas.gov.

RAIDS Online provides crime data for Wylie which users can quickly and easily search, filter and analyze through an interactive dashboard. Residents may also submit anonymous crime tips, and sign up to receive criminal activity alerts and neighborhood watch reports.

“We are excited to introduce a new communication tool to the citizens of Wylie that we feel will enhance our crime fighting capabilities,” said WPD Chief John Duscio. “A partnership between the Wylie Police Department (WPD), the Collin County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and BAIR Analytics Inc. has made this possible.”

Upon accessing RAIDS Online, enter a specific address or select “Wylie” in the “Jump to City” drop down menu. Next, view all crimes or choose to display specific crimes. Enter a date range to view crimes within the selected period (up to 500 crimes will display). Click on a crime icon for specific information about the offense, or to enter an anonymous tip that is mailed directly to the Wylie Police Department.

For the protection of our citizens and due to investigative needs, all offense locations are listed in the respective hundred blocks without displaying the exact location (house number).

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In addition, all reported sexual related offenses have been omitted from the map. RAIDS Online syncs with the Wylie Police Department's records system weekly to update the crime database.

RAIDS Online is not a substitute for dialing 911; in the event of an emergency always call 911. For non-emergency calls requiring a report to be made, or any other police response, please call the non-emergency number, 972-442-8171.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.